

Amendments to the Claims

1-40. (Cancelled)

41. (New) An agitator for mixing components in a container having an open end with an inner diameter, the agitator comprising:

an annular wall forming a hole and having a first outer diameter;

at least one spoke being secured to said annular wall and traversing said hole; and

a retaining flange being secured to said annular wall and having a second outer diameter,

wherein said first outer diameter is smaller than said second outer diameter, wherein said first outer diameter is about equal to said inner diameter thereby allowing said annular wall to at least partially slide into said open end, and wherein said second outer diameter is larger than said inner diameter thereby preventing said retaining flange from sliding into said open end.

42. (New) The agitator of claim 41, wherein said annular wall has an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein said retaining flange is disposed along said upper portion, and wherein said at least one spoke is disposed along said lower portion.

43. (New) The agitator of claim 42, wherein said at least one spoke is a plurality of spokes that converge at a longitudinal axis defined by said hole.

44. (New) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said annular wall and said hole define a first planar section, and wherein said plurality of spokes are disposed at least partially outside of said first planar section.

45. (New) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal size.

46. (New) The agitator of claim 44, wherein said annular wall and said plurality of spokes form a cup-like structure.

47. (New) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said annular wall and said hole define a first planar section, wherein said plurality of spokes are disposed in a second planar section, and wherein said first and second planar sections are substantially parallel to each other.

48. (New) The agitator of claim 41, wherein said at least one spoke has first and second surfaces, and first and second fins, wherein said first fin extends from said first surface, and wherein said second fin extends from said second surface.

49. (New) The agitator of claim 48, wherein said first fin is substantially perpendicular to said first surface, and wherein said second fin is substantially perpendicular to said second surface.

50. (New) The agitator of claim 43, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal shape.

51. (New) A container assembly for mixing components comprising:

a container having an inner volume and an open end with an inner diameter;

an agitator having an annular ring with a first outer diameter, at least one spoke, and a retaining flange with a second outer diameter, said annular ring defining a hole, said at least one spoke being secured to and traversing said annular ring, said retaining flange being secured to said annular ring;

a dispensing mechanism; and

a fastening ring,

wherein said annular ring is at least partially disposed through said open end of said container and in said inner volume, wherein said first outer diameter is smaller than said second outer diameter, wherein said first outer diameter is smaller than said inner diameter thereby allowing said annular ring to at least partially fit into said open end, and wherein said second outer diameter is larger than said inner diameter thereby preventing said retaining flange from fitting into said open end of said container.

52. (New) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said annular ring has an upper portion and a lower portion,

wherein said retaining flange is disposed along said upper portion, and wherein said at least one spoke is disposed along said lower portion.

53. (New) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said at least one spoke is a plurality of spokes that converge at a longitudinal axis defined by said hole.

54. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said annular ring and said hole define a first planar section, and wherein said plurality of spokes are disposed at least partially outside of said first planar section.

55. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal size.

56. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said annular ring and said plurality of spokes form a cup-like structure.

57. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said annular ring and said hole define a first planar section, wherein said plurality of spokes is disposed in a second planar section, and wherein said first and second planar sections are substantially parallel to each other.

58. (New) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said at least one spoke has an upper fin extending from an upper surface of said at least one spoke, and wherein said at

least one spoke has a lower fin extending from a lower surface of said at least one spoke.

59. (New) The assembly of claim 58, wherein said upper and lower fins are substantially perpendicular to said upper and lower surfaces.

60. (New) The assembly of claim 51, further comprising a liner having a retaining rim, wherein said container has a container rim circumventing said open end for engagement with said retaining rim of said liner and with said retaining flange of said agitator.

61. (New) The assembly of claim 60, wherein said container has an outer surface having external threads, said fastening ring has an inner surface having internal threads, and said external threads and said internal threads are engageable for fastening said fastening ring to said container.

62. (New) The assembly of claim 51, wherein said dispensing mechanism is a nipple.

63. (New) The assembly of claim 53, wherein said plurality of spokes define a plurality of apertures of equal.